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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF HOLDEN,
AND THE
REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
For the Year 1878-79.

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Winter Term.—Miss ANNIE L. MITCHELL, Teacher.

Length, twelve weeks; number of scholars, twenty; average, eighteen. Wages, \$3.00. At our first visit we found the school prospering. There seemed to be a mental sympathy existing between teacher and pupils. At the close we judged that good progress had been made by the scholars.

MANN DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss ANNIE L. DAY, Teacher.

Length, eight weeks; number of scholars, fifteen; average, twelve. Wages, excluding board, \$4.00. Miss Day is a teacher of experience and energy (Short lesosons, well learned) was her motto.

Winter Term.—W. F. DECKER, Teacher.

Length, twelve weeks; number of scholars, twenty-three; average, nineteen. Wages, per month \$20.00. From our short examination, we thought this a more profitable school for the older scholars than for the younger.

CLEWLEY DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss LYDIA M. AREY, Teacher.

Length, eight weeks; number of scholars, twenty-eight; average, twenty-four. Wages, \$3.25.

Fall Term.—Length, six weeks; number of scholars, twenty-six; average, twenty-two. Wages, \$3.25. Miss Arey taught both terms in this district. There was a lack in discipline. The older scholars received fair instruction.

Winter Term.—Miss SADIE E. GILMORE, Teacher.

Length, ten weeks; number of scholars, thirty-three; average, twenty-four. Wages, \$3.50. At the commencement, this school appeared in a prosperous condition. The scholars were at work and good order prevailed. Business prevented our being present at the close.

ROWE DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss SUSIE H. HALL, Teacher.

No register returned. We noted in this school the excellence of the discipline. The instruction given was fair.

Winter Term.—Miss CLARA E. SOUTHARD, Teacher.

Length, eleven weeks; number of scholars, twenty-three; average, nineteen. Wages, \$4.00. This was a fair term of school for the older scholars.

It will be noticed by the report that we consider the schools of the past year comparatively successful. The importance of good schools cannot be estimated. In a very great measure they determine the civilization of a community.

We think that far too much time is usually devoted to mathematics and technical, rather than practical work. A scholar may know every rule in the arithmetic, and yet be troubled to compute readily and correctly the value of a load of wood. He may be able to rehearse many rules from his grammar, and not know how to write a decent note, bill, or business letter. We often observe young people who find time to learn all the intricate theories of algebra, and arithmetic, but never learn a single fact in regard to the preservation of health, strength and life. The knowledge gained by the former course is often useless and soon forgotten, while a little knowledge of ourselves is food for every-day thought; and by it we may frequently palliate disease and add to

our health and happiness. Physiology is now in the list of common school studies, and we think it much more important to our scholars than the higher mathematics. A few ideas of Book-keeping are useful to any man; while Cube root he never uses. Grammar is the art of speaking and writing our language; and we believe that more knowledge will be gained of the proper mode of using our language by using it, than by learning a thousand rules of Brown. We would not however discard the grammar, but have it go hand in hand with composition writing. Theory and practice should go together and if either are neglected let it be the former.

J. W. MILLIKEN, Supervisor.



TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OF HOLDEN.

TOWN VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Real estate of residents,	\$99,953 00	
Real estate of non-residents,	19,102 00	
Personal estate of residents,	33,680 34	
		—————\$152,735 34
Rate of tax, 1 cent and 6 mills on the dollar.		
Am't of tax assessed on real estate of residents,	\$1,609 96	
“ “ “ non-residents,	308 70	
“ “ personal estate of residents,	520 21	
Number of poll taxes at \$2.50 each (193)	482 50	
Deficiency of highway tax for 1878,	61 82	
		—————\$2,983 19

EXPENSES IN EACH HIGHWAY DISTRICT, FOR BREAKING OUT ROADS.

District No. 2, 1877-78,	\$.60	
" No. 4,	3 97	
(.45 of this for removing and replacing fence.)		
" No. 6, 1879,	8 45	
" No. 7,	3 45	
" No. 9,	13 50	
(.60 of this for removing and replacing fence)		
" No 13,	5 45	
(\$3.00 of this for removing and replacing fence)		\$35 42

PAID IN MONEY FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 2,	\$13 46	
" No. 3,	2 93	
" No. 4,	3 20	
" No. 6,	34 80	
" No. 8,	84	
" No. 9,	31 75	
" No. 12,	13 26	
		\$100 24

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

For A. Judson Clark,	\$118 77	
" William Austin,	95 80	
" Lewis Burton, 1877,	69 78	
" Edwin Prentiss and family, 1877,	3 00	
" Mrs. S. W. Gray and children,	26 51	
" John Burton,	32 00	
" Charles Ryder and family,	2 23	
" Harriet A. Benner,	78 00	
" George E. Billington and family,	65 84	
" Charels Mann and family,	52 04	
" Charles F. Harriman and family,	28 22	
" Baraba Barnes,	10 25	
" Mrs. William Rowe, and children,	30 82	
" Albigail Ash and children,	16 11	
" Augustus Blake,	12 30	
		\$641 67

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$609 00
Interest on town school fund,	19 67
Received from State,	167 49
Mill tax from State,	264 89
	<hr/> \$1061 05

APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS :

Districts.	Names of Agents.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Apportioned 1878.	Bal. due Dist. March 1, '78.	Amount Paid.	Bal. due Dist. March 1, '79.
Wiswell,	Charles Copeland,	37	\$144 59	\$ 7 87	\$133 13	\$ 19 33
Centre,	B. F. Farrington,	48	183 87	72 09	226 53	29 40
South,	F. K. Hart,	30	134 90	40 77	133 20	42 47
Rollins,	Thos. McLaughlin,	23	98 09	42 38	112 83	27 64
Mann,	Henry Goss,	32	137 56	41 18	170 90	7 84
Clewley,	Peter Chadwick,	42	160 86	36 81	135 74	61 93
Rowe,	Eli Kingsbury,	28	117 24	34 27	107 52	43 99
Burton,	Edward W. Moore,	18	83 94	30 54	86 40	28 08
		258	\$1061 05	\$305 91	\$1106 25	\$260 68

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Thomas J Hart, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer,	\$59 25
Charles Wiswell, " "	13 75
B. F. Farrington, " "	19 00
F. M. Rogers, Collector and Treasurer,	38 69
A. B. Farrington, " " 1877,	29 06
George C. Wiswell, Supervisor of Schools, 1877,	21 81
Dr. J. W. Milliken, " " 1878,	35 00
A. B. Farrington, Town Clerk,	7 60
F. K. Hart, Constable,	2 50
	<hr/> \$226 66

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for printing reports,	\$9 50
" Abatement on taxes,	8 76

Paid for stationery, postage, etc ,	6 00	
“ for costs on suit, Holden vs Clifton, and legal advice,	35 36	
“ for interest on town orders,	8 24	
“ B. F. Farrington's expense to Augusta, Biddeford, and Lincoln,	26 97	
“ for repairs on town house,	1 95	
	<hr/>	\$96 78

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Amount raised by votes of the town, as follows—

For schools,	\$609 00	
“ support of poor,	400 00	
“ repair of roads and bridges,	100 00	
“ pay of town officers,	200 00	
“ incidental expenses,	100 00	
“ discount on taxes,	100 00	
“ painting town house,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1609 00
For State tax,	\$776 09	
“ County tax,	494 60	
“ deficiency of highway taxes for 1877,	61 82	
“ overlayings and fractional gains,	41 68	
	<hr/>	\$1374 19

Amount committed to Collector June 1, 1878,	\$2983 19	
“ of school fund and mill tax from State,	432 35	
“ received for rent of town house,	67 25	
“ cash from the town of Bucksport for Charles F. Harriman and family,	7 20	
“ cash from the town of Steuben for Abigail Ash and children,	3 10	
“ cash for tax deeds,	8 20	
“ cash from the town of Troy for Edwin Prentiss and family,	14 58	
“ cash from town of Brewer for Mrs. S. W. Gray,	26 51	
“ cash from the town of Dedham for George E. Billington and family,	55 98	
“ discount received on County tax,	9 89	
“ received from Collector of 1876,	51 35	
“ received from Collector of 1877,,	1913 25	
	<hr/>	\$5572 85

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Paid for support of poor	\$641 67
" town officers,	226 66
" for breaking roads,	35 42
" repairs on roads and bridges,	100 24
" for support of schools,	1106 25
" for incidental expenses,	96 78
" State tax for 1877,	582 54
" Balance of County tax for 1877,	386 67
" for painting town house,	69 97
" discount on taxes,	150 50
" County tax,	494 60
" part of F. K. Hart's note,	140 00
" outstanding orders for 1877-1878,	506 91
Total amount of town orders,	\$4538 21
Deduct orders unpaid March 1, 1879,	710 87
Paid by the Treasurer for the year,	\$3827 34
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer,	1745 51
	\$5572 85

HIGHWAY TAX COMMITTED TO SURVEYORS.

District No. 1, George C. Wiswell,	\$ 91 81
" " 2, B. F. Farrington,	151 73
" " 3, Thomas J. Hart,	96 51
" " 4, Henry S. Torrence,	32 58
" " 5, Henry T. Hart,	116 06
" " 6, Charles H. Pond,	95 18
" " 7, Lemuel N. Shepard,	54 63
" " 8, George W. Clark,	62 76
" " 9, Peter Chadwick,	109 67
" " 10, Russel R. Day,	62 19
" " 11, Joseph E. Rowe,	44 88
" " 12, Edward W. Moore,	40 15
" " 13, Charles F. Hart,	75 97
	\$1034 10

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the several school districts,	\$260 68
State tax for 1878,	776 00

Due on F. K. Hart's note,	416 00	
Unpaid orders for 1877-1878,	237 47	
Unpaid orders for 1878-1879,	710 87	
Unpaid pauper bills,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$2431 11

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Amount due from Dedham for George E. Billington and family,	\$45 33	
Amount due from Bucksport for Charles F. Harriman and family,	28 22	
Amount due for Barbara Barnes,	10 25	
Amount due from Veazie for Charles H. Mann and family, for 1877-1878	81 14	
Amount due from Steuben for Abigail Ash and children,	16 11	
Amount due from Ellsworth for Mayo boy, \$5 50, Susan Smith, \$10 87,	16 37	
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer,	1745 51	
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, 1877,	402 68	
Balance due on dog licenses from Treasurer, 1877,	11 00	
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, 1876,	135 85	
	<hr/>	\$2492 46
Deduct liabilities,		2431 11
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Balance due the town,		\$61 35

THOMAS J. HART,
CHARLES WISWELL, } Selectmen of Holden.
B. F. FARRINGTON, }

Holden, March 1st, 1879.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

WISWELL DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss PERSIS K. BURR, Teacher.

Length eight weeks; number of scholars, twenty-two; average, nineteen. Wages, excluding board, \$4.50. This was a thoroughly successful term of school. None of the branches were neglected by the teacher.

Winter Term.—Miss ELLA LOVEJOY, Teacher.

Length, thirteen weeks; number of scholars, thirty-one; average, twenty-two. Wages of teacher, \$4.50. Miss Lovejoy is a faithful teacher, and all that she could do was done for the advancement of the school.

CENTER DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Mrs. FANNIE H. ROBINSON, Teacher.

Length eight weeks; number of scholars, seventeen; average, fifteen. This was a valuable term of school for the scholars. The discipline was excellent and the lessons well learned.

Fall Term.—Miss PERSIS K. BURR, Teacher.

Length nine weeks, number of scholars, twenty-one, average, nineteen. Wages, excluding board, \$6.00. Here Miss Burr fully sustained her excellent reputation as a teacher. Composition writing was introduced and the older scholars did remarkably well in this department.

Winter Term.—Miss FRANCES A. ABBOTT, Teacher.

Length, eleven weeks; number of scholars, thirty-six, average, twenty-nine. Wages, excluding board, \$6.00. We were well satisfied with the progress made by the scholars during this term. Miss Abbott is a faithful laborer in the schoolroom.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss CLARA B. HART, Teacher.

Length, eight weeks; number of scholars, fifteen; average, twelve. Wages, \$3.25.

Fall Term.—Length, eight weeks; number of scholars, twenty-one; average, eighteen. Wages, \$3.50.

Winter Term.—Length, ten weeks; number of scholars, thirteen; average, eleven. Wages, \$3.50. This district retained the services of Miss Hart for three successive terms. At each visit we found the scholars hard at work and their teacher laboring faithfully for them.

ROLLINS DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss CARRIE BROWN, Teacher.

Length, nine weeks; number of scholars, seventeen; average thirteen. Wages, \$2.00. At our first visit we were particularly pleased with Miss Brown's methods of instruction. Everything seemed to move on pleasantly. At the examination we found many of the scholars absent; but were gratified to see those present diligently at work, and to hear prompt recitations from them.